

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—The rules were framed some months back and they are distributing lands now. I do not know the exact area so far distributed.

Grant of Land for Coffee and Cardamom Cultivation in Belur, Alur and Sakaleshpur Taluks.

*Q.-148. **Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA** (Belur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of applications received for grant of lands for Coffee and Cardamom cultivation in Belur, Alur and Sakaleshpur Taluks for the year 1959;

(b) the number of cases decided in that year;

(c) the number of cases under investigation;

- (i) by the Revenue Department;
- (ii) by the Forest Department;

(d) the probable time required for investigating the matter?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) 354.

(b) 30.

(c) (i) 290

(ii) 34

324

(d) 3 months.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—Supplementary to (c): Since how long are they pending?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Since about last one year.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—What is the difficulty in investigating this matter?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—Sometimes the Forest Department has to be consulted. Sometimes the Revenue Inspectors are required to hold local enquiry. These are the procedural difficulties.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—What is the kind of enquiry they are holding regarding distribution of land?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—The usual dharkast enquiry.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Is it not a fact that due to this delay in disposing of the applications, there are unauthorised cultivations and occupations?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—I do not agree with that view.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—What is the total extent of area involved in the case of individual applicants, what is the maximum acreage applied for?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—I have not got that information just at present.

Area under Irrigation in the State.

*Q.—336. **Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA** (Arsikere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the extent of area of land that was under irrigation by all methods in 1947 in the State;

(b) the extent of area that is now under irrigation by all methods;

(c) the extent of area that will be brought under irrigation in the Third Plan period?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) 10,17,596 acres in the districts of Dharwar, Tumkur, Coorg, Gulbarga, Chitradurga, Chikmagalur, Bangalore, Kolar, Belgaum, Hassan, Bijapur, Shimoga and North Kanara. (Details of Raichur District are not available and for the remaining districts details are being collected).

(b) Information is being collected.

(c) 44,000 acres from minor irrigation projects, 20,000 under lift irrigation schemes and 5,93,076 acres from Major and Medium Projects.

Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—I wanted to know the number of acres under irrigation in 1947 and the

number of acres under irrigation now so that I can know the increase during that period. Without that information the very purpose of putting my question is defeated.

† Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Within the short time that was available it was a little difficult for us to collect the information in regard to the area developed under major irrigation, life irrigation etc. That is why I have said that the information is being collected. In respect of some districts the information is received while in respect of some of them it is not received. We have to collect this information from the Revenue Department and P.W.D. The Government have no objection to furnish this information at a later stage.

Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—For the first question the answer is not complete.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I quite appreciate the anxiety of the Hon'ble Member. The year 1947 pertains to pre-Reorganisation period and information has got to be collected. If it is one department it is all right. I do not want to give rough figures but want to give correct figures and so I want a little more time.

Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—What percentage of the total water potential of the State have we utilised?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—We are actually surveying the total water potential available in the State and so I will be able to give the correct figure at a later stage.

Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—What was the number of acres that were brought under major and medium irrigation in the First and Second Plans?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Under minor irrigation in the First Plan we were able to irrigate 16,976 acres and in the Second plan, we were able to irrigate 17,163 acres up to 1958-59 and the programme is to

irrigate up to 45,000 acres. Under both major and minor irrigation we propose to irrigate about 7 lakh acres in the Second Plan. Against that target, by the end of 1958-59 we have been able to irrigate 2.5 lakh acres and the rest will have to be irrigated during the current year and the coming year.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Statistical Department publishes some figures in relation to the area under irrigation. Even the Agricultural Calendar publishes it. Does the Hon'ble Minister for P.W.D. believe that they are correct or wrong?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Those figures will be changing from month to month and from year to year because the irrigation programme is going on all over the State. What is true last year will not be true this year and vice versa.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—According to Land Revenue figures, what is the total irrigable area in the State and what is the percentage of land actually brought under cultivation and what is the percentage that remains to be brought under cultivation?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I would like to have a little more time in order to give correct figures.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I want to know what exactly is the Plan? We are coming to the end of the Second Five Year Plan and to say that we do not have ready figures is a sad commentary on the Administration.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Sir, I am very sorry. I did not say we have not got figures. I only said that in order to give the Hon'ble Members correct figures, it will take a little more time. I very much regret that Hon'ble Members have not been able to appreciate my anxiety to furnish latest figures. I will certainly give the figures. Government have those figures.

† Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—My point is, what exactly is the Plan of the Public Works Department? They have not got ready figures even after nine years. What is the total area that is to be brought under wet cultivation?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Sir, we are actually publishing these figures from time to time. We have been giving the acreage that is under cultivation in 1956, 57, 58, 1959. I only said that I want a little more time in order to furnish latest figures.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What are the figures now available?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Figures available have already been furnished in answer to several questions.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, in view of the difficulty expressed by the Hon'ble Minister, may I request the Chair to hold over this question?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I have absolutely no objection, Sir. I shall give all the information available. Government is very anxious to apprise the Members of the latest figures on all points.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I would like to know what time the Government would like to take in order to furnish the requisite information.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I will try to furnish it by the end of this session Sir. I cannot say off-hand. But I will try.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Then this question is held over.

Pickups and Restoration of Tanks held up in Nelamangala, Magadi, etc., Taluks.

*Q.—358. **Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA** (Nelamangala).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of works such as pickups and restoration of tanks that

have been held up in Nelamangala, Magadi, Doddaballapur and Bangalore North Taluks;

(b) whether they have been held up because of the fear that they will curtail the water course to Thippagondanahalli Tank which feeds Bangalore City;

(c) whether they are aware of the fact that there will be no curtailment of water to the Thippagondanahalli Tank as there will be over-flow of water every year during rainy season and as per the opinion of some experts the capacity of the Tank will feed the City of Bangalore for more than 2 years even if there is no rain;

(d) whether they would appoint an expert committee of Engineers to get the opinion in this behalf?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) Five.

(b) Yes, and also because their construction will affect the supply to any lower reservoir that may be constructed.

(c) There will be curtailment of water to Thippagondanahalli reservoir in lean years if these works are executed. It is not correct to say that the Reservoir surpluses every year. The storage in the Reservoir is designed as in the case of all water supply reservoirs so as to be adequate for supplying the required quantity over a period of not less than two lean years.

(d) A Committee appointed by Government has already examined the figures regarding the yield in the catchment and the requirements of Bangalore Water Supply. The report of the Committee is awaited.

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—Sir, you have said that five works have been held up; may I know from Government whether these are the only five works or are there any other works in these four taluks both minor tanks which ought to be taken up for restoration and pick-ups?